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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2003. Applicants request amendment of the claims according to the **attached marked-up claims** (5 pages) and reconsideration of patentability based on those claims and the remarks which follow. The excess claim fees for the four newly added dependent claims may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 04-1512. A copy of this page is attached.

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview to discuss this patent application today. The amendments to claims 1 and 9 are in accordance with the outcome of that teleconference in which Applicants agreed to exclude the substantially random interpolymers described in the cited references from the definition of component A to overcome the only rejection pending in this application.